

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~revealing~~ treating a tennis ball to reveal a contact location comprising:

encapsulating a marking agent in microcapsules, the marking agent leaving a temporarily visible mark when released from the microcapsules;

coating the microcapsules with an adhesive activated by one of heat or radiation;

applying the ~~microencapsulated marking agent to a first object~~ microcapsules to a felted outer surface of a tennis ball;

activating the adhesive to adhere the microcapsules to the felted outer surface of the tennis ball.

~~contacting the first object with a second object;~~

~~observing presence of the marking agent on the second object.~~

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the marking agent is a volatile solid.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the marking agent is a volatile liquid.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the microcapsules rupture above a predetermined force threshold.

Claims 9-11 (Canceled)